



Building A Community Of Compassion

Thank you for helping us feed the homeless last weekend. We helped feed about 50 people. I am amazed at the generosity of our community to respond to the need in our midst. Compassion for the suffering is a good place to start in building a civilization of love. Sean Nalty who helps coordinate this response, sent this message: **“Thank you for your efforts and please extend my thanks to everyone who worked to make this possible. We all had a good day yesterday.”**

Prayer For The Voiceless

Our 40 days for life campaign has concluded. Thank you for all who came down to pray or who prayed at home. I offer Dwight Spier many thanks for organizing our Lent Campaign. **Please join us as we gather on Divine Mercy Sunday (April 11th) at 3:00pm at the St. Francis Garden Chapel for Mass, a special prayer service with recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet and the dedication of a memorial to the unborn near our St. Francis Garden Chapel. Confessions will also be heard.** I accepted harsh comments and gestures along with signs of support as I prayed for all who have been touched by abortion. We sought to bring prayer, peace, mercy and healing for those contemplating or who have had an abortion. We sought to offer resources for help and to know there are people who care and will help. We listened and sought to bring healing to those who suffered over decisions to have abortions. The conception and nativity of Jesus shows us how fragile life is and the political, religious, and cultural realities which can conspire to destroy it. Jesus reveals to us the value of every human life. May we cherish and support life as a gift from God that is loved.

The Lord is Risen!

Welcome to our refreshed Church! We are blessed to be able to have 50% capacity. Other than Easter, that should cover our attendance. Come celebrate with us during the Easter Season and throughout the year as we gather in Thanksgiving that we have been redeemed and saved by the loving sacrifice of Jesus. He is alive! Come hear his Word, receive His love, and touch his presence.

Peace be with You!

The Franciscan Friars and Staff of the Our Lady of Grace Community Wish You A Blessed Easter!

Alleluia, Alleluia  *The Lord is risen!*

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Gospel for the Second Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy) (April 11th)

John 20:19-31

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, “Peace be with you.” When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained.” Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples said to him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nailmarks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.” Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, “Peace be with you.” Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe.” Thomas answered and said to him, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said to him, “Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.” Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name.

Easter BLESSINGS

EASTER SCHEDULE

Easter Vigil Mass at 8:00PM In The Church

Easter Sunday Masses

Church

7:30AM & 11:00AM In English

1:00PM In Spanish

St. Francis Garden Chapel

9:00AM Drive-In With Livestream

3:00PM In English

Reservations are required for all Church Masses.
Please call the Parish Office at 510-537-0806.

ADORATION & CONFESSION



After Easter, join us on Thursdays at 3:15pm and Saturdays at 9:00am in Stack Center and Sunday (Confession only) at 12:30pm by the Tent.

EASTER MEMORIAL FLOWERS OUR LADY OF GRACE TRADITION



Once again, this year we are inviting you to remember family members and friends through a Flower Offering which will help us to purchase the plants and other decorations we need to beautify our sanctuary. You may list the names of loved ones you wish to remember or memorialize by including your list in a separate plain envelope marked Easter Flower Offering. Easter Flower Offering is also available through our Online Giving, click [here](#). A list of names of all who are remembered will be available after Easter.

EASTER OFFERING

Please know our gratitude for the ongoing and faithful giving we as a church have experienced during this now one year time of COVID restrictions and limitations. Your special Easter and Sunday offerings help us meet our operating expenses. Our Easter Budget is year is \$18,000. We are grateful for your help in accomplishing this goal. You may make your check out to Our Lady of Grace and please write Easter Offering on the memo line if you do not have an Easter envelope. Have a Blessed Easter Season.



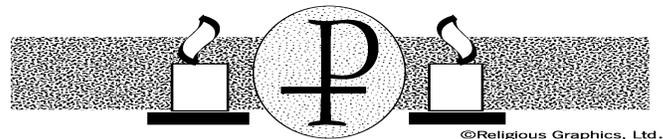
THE 2021 BISHOP'S APPEAL

The 2021 Bishop's Appeal has begun and continues through April. Bishop Barber decided to continue with the theme, *Rebuild My Church*, a phrase inspired by St. Francis of Assisi. By sharing our talent and treasure with our sisters and brothers, we are making a sacrifice and returning to God a small portion of the many gifts he has given to us. You can find more information on the Appeal by visiting www.oakdiocese.org/giving. You can also call the Office of Mission Advancement at 510-267-8358.

Our goal this year is to gain 100% participation from all members of Our Lady of Grace's Parish!

We are grateful to the 129 households who gave last year, allowing us to meet and exceed our goal by \$4,495. Please consider being part of the effort this year. Let us not rely on the few in what is an opportunity to be part of the greater good.

A pledge to this Appeal will help us reach out to thousands in the East Bay through diocesan ministries, programs & services.



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Please pray for the young members of our Church

First Communion

Next class: April 17th

11:00am—St. Francis Garden Chapel

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Whole Family

Next class: April 10th

11:00am—St. Francis Garden Chapel

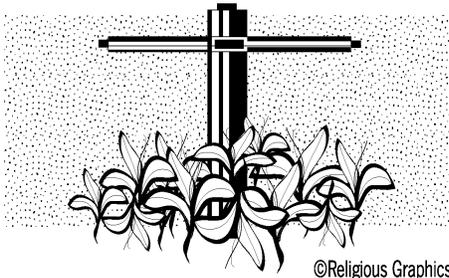
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Youth Ministry

Next class: April 18th

3:30pm—St. Francis Garden Chapel

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Every year our students have their Easter break beginning on Holy Thursday. We usually have all the students come to a reenactment of the Seder Meal gathered together around our lunch courtyard. We adjusted this year to comply with county guidelines for Covid safety but we still held the celebration of the apostles as they ate the last meal with Jesus.

What a beautiful time of year for all of us. It is not only spring with new life and warm weather, it is a time of rejoicing after the forty days of preparation for the Resurrection. Our eighth grade students have been notified by the surrounding Catholic high schools of admittance for the fall. Our school is now open for all wishing to attend in person and we can truly rejoice over the many graces and blessings the Lord has bestowed upon us as we provided the best education possible over the past year. The teachers have worked tirelessly to give each and every child a Christ-centered focus throughout all the subjects they teach. Students in every grade are ready to take on the new school year knowing they have been challenged and supported all during the pandemic. Our Lady of Grace Catholic School does not have as many resources for academics as our public schools, but what it does have is a dedicated staff striving to promote not just academic prowess, but the goodness in each and every child. It is our Mission to serve others and to have our graduates serve others with a Christ like approach. Let us all remember St. John's quote--"He so loved the world He gave us His only begotten Son." We are Easter people.

-Susan Anderson



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SUNDAY COLLECTION

Stewardship of treasure involves trust in God. You have to really believe in God's Providence and trust that if you give 10% of your income to the Church and charity, for example, God will help you live on the rest.

Offerings for the Month of MARCH:

Sunday Plate for the month:	\$ 39,666.00
Month Budgeted Goal:	\$ 37,158.00
Over/[Shortfall]	\$ 2,508.00
Year-To-Date Over/[Shortfall]	\$ 3,571.00

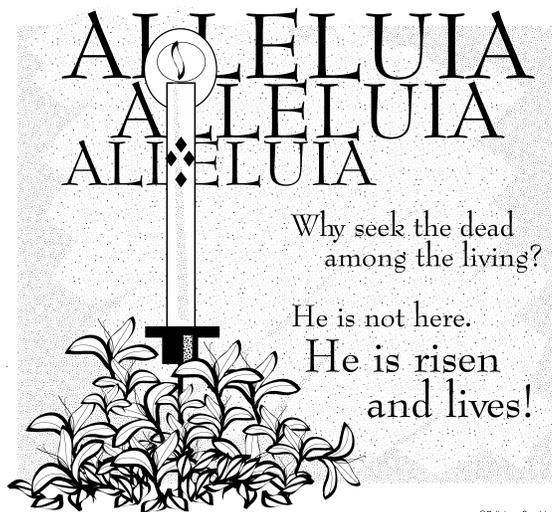
May God bless your continuing generosity.



Your Prayers Are Requested

Please lift up in your prayer those many among us who are ill and those who have asked for our prayerful remembrance:

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| Elvira Arechiga | Beth Snow |
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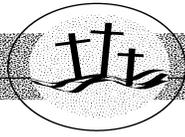


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Please remember in your prayers the recently deceased in our parish families and all who mourn the loss of a loved one.

In Memoriam

BARBARA TURRA
VICTIMS OF COVID-19



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**PRE-BAPTISM CLASS
FOR PARENTS & GODPARENTS**

If you are wishing to have your child baptized, ages infant to six years, parents and Godparents need to attend a Pre-Baptism Class. You also need to be registered members of the parish for at least three months. Pre-Baptism classes are held the first Wednesday of the month at 7:00pm via Zoom. **Our next class will be on April 7th.** Call Jay at 510-537-0806 for more information.

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We invite all women to join us for WINGS

WINGS is a faith enhancement group that encourages spiritual growth through prayer, scripture study, Catechesis, life sharing and community.

We meet via Zoom

Next Meeting: **April 8th**

9:00am to 11:00am

Speaker: Kelly O'Lague Dulka

Topic: "A Life Worthwhile"

Please contact Nancy Marcotte at nanmar2@aol.com
or 510-303-3324 for the Zoom link

**THE CATHOLIC VOICE
ONLINE**



The March 22nd, 2021 issue of The Catholic Voice is available online at www.catholicvoiceoakland.org.

THIS WEEK

Sunday, April 4th:

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Mass—Reservations are required
7:30am--Church

Drive-In Mass With Livestream on Facebook
9:00am--Rear Parking Lot

Mass—Reservations are required
11:00am--Church

Spanish Mass - Reservations are required
1:00pm--Church

Mass—Reservations are not required
3:00pm--St. Francis Garden Chapel

Monday, April 5th:

Mass With Livestream
8:15am—Church

Bible Study with Fr. Francisco—English
7:00pm—Zoom

Tuesday, April 6th:

Mass With Livestream
8:15am—Church

Wednesday, April 7th:

Mass With Livestream
8:15am—Church

Pre-Baptism Class
7:00pm—Zoom

Thursday, April 8th:

Mass With Livestream
8:15am—Church

Adoration & Confession
3:15-4:30pm—Stack Center

Friday, April 9th:

Mass With Livestream
8:15am—Church

Saturday, April 10th:

Mass With Livestream
8:15am—Church

Adoration & Confession
9:00am—Church

Whole Family Mass & Mini-Session
11:00am—St. Francis Garden Chapel

Vigil Mass - Reservations are required
5:00pm—Church

Mass Intentions for the Week

SUNDAY, April 4th
 EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD
 7:30am – 9:00am – 11:00am – 1:00pm (Spanish) – 3:00pm

MONDAY, April 5th
 8:15am Dennis Cande – D

TUESDAY, April 6th
 8:15am Mary Borges – D

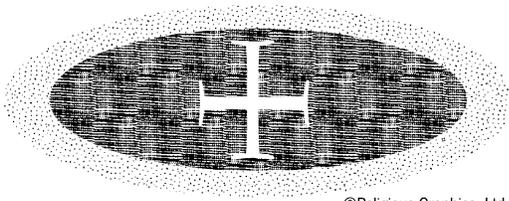
WEDNESDAY, April 7th
 8:15am Marcelino Perdido – D

THURSDAY, April 8th
 8:15am Anty Zaldivar – D

FRIDAY, April 9th
 8:15am Mary Gladden – L

SATURDAY, April 10th
 8:15am Gloria Smith – L
 5:00pm Rafael Ibarra – L

SUNDAY, April 11th
 SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY)
 9:00am OLG Community
 11:00am Franciscan Friars
 1:00pm Rosa Martinez Reyes – D



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THIS WEEK--Continued

Sunday, April 11th:

*The Second Sunday of Easter
 (Divine Mercy Sunday)*

Drive-In Mass With Livestream on Facebook
 9:00am--Rear Parking Lot

Mass—Reservations are required
 11:00am--Church

Confession
 12:30pm—Tent

Spanish Mass - Reservations are required
 1:00pm--Church

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

April 5th through April 11th

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Matthew 28:8-15
 Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41; John 20:11-18
 Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10; Luke 24:13-35
 Thursday: Acts 3:11-26; Luke 24:35-48
 Friday: Acts 4:1-12; John 21:1-14
 Saturday: Acts 4:13-21; Mark 16:9-15
 Sunday: Acts 4:32-35; 1 John 5:1-6; John 20:19-31

The WORD of the LORD



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PAX CHRISTI QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“All the good that you will do will come not from you but from the fact that you have allowed yourself, in the obedience of faith, to be used by God’s love.”

-Thomas Merton, 1966

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